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# **Labour Force Survey: Special Report**

## **LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS**

### **ORIGINAL SERIES**

**JULY 1996**

This special report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Statistical Regions by State. The estimates are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, and are drawn from a representative sample of over 34,000 dwellings. These series have shown historically a high degree of variability which is inherent in data about smaller labour markets.

The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for Statistical Regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, there are no independent population benchmarks at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, but the individual Statistical Regions will show less stability for any estimate than for a similar estimate at the State level. In addition, estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment) are considerably smaller and are subject to higher relative standard errors.

**Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates particularly in the month to month movements.**

#### **Standard Errors**

Standard errors of the original estimates in this report for the States and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Sylvia Sajler on (06) 252 6525 or from any ABS State office. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. \*1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS

THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL

REGIONS BY SEX, JULY 1996

	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- ment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- ment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- ment rate	Partici- pation rate
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,595.4	132.8	7.7	72.2	1,205.3	90.9	7.0	52.3	2,800.7	223.7	7.4	62.1
Sydney Major SR	1,025.9	74.6	6.8	74.0	793.4	48.4	5.8	54.3	1,819.2	123.0	6.3	63.9
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	118.4	8.9	7.0	71.9	90.7	4.6	4.8	58.8	209.2	13.5	6.1	65.6
Inner Sydney SR	74.6	* 3.5	* 4.5	71.3	62.7	* 2.2	* 3.4	64.5	137.3	5.7	4.0	68.0
Eastern Suburbs SR	68.9	* 2.4	* 3.4	76.1	53.0	* 2.0	* 3.6	58.6	121.9	4.4	3.5	67.4
St. George-Sutherland SR	120.2	6.9	5.4	74.4	92.9	* 3.0	* 3.2	57.1	213.1	9.9	4.5	65.8
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	74.5	11.3	13.2	69.3	56.3	6.6	10.6	48.5	130.8	17.9	12.1	58.6
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	137.3	15.9	10.4	78.3	88.6	12.0	11.9	50.3	225.9	27.8	11.0	64.2
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	70.4	12.1	14.7	73.8	40.7	7.9	16.3	45.3	111.1	20.1	15.3	59.8
Central Western Sydney SR	62.5	6.8	9.9	65.6	40.9	3.5	8.0	43.5	103.3	10.4	9.1	54.7
Outer Western Sydney SR	75.8	3.7	4.7	77.0	62.1	* 3.0	* 4.6	57.4	137.9	6.7	4.6	66.8
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	94.3	4.2	4.3	76.8	78.4	3.5	4.3	58.5	172.6	7.7	4.3	67.3
Lower Northern Sydney SR	77.5	* 3.4	* 4.2	75.9	65.6	* 2.8	* 4.1	57.5	143.1	6.2	4.2	66.2
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	71.0	* 3.7	* 4.9	75.8	57.2	* 3.3	* 5.4	54.1	128.2	7.0	5.2	64.3
Northern Beaches SR	61.5	2.2	3.5	76.9	55.0	* 1.2	* 2.1	55.8	116.5	3.4	2.8	65.3
Gosford-Wyong SR	64.0	5.1	7.4	68.6	52.7	* 3.0	* 5.3	50.5	116.7	8.1	6.5	59.1
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	569.5	58.2	9.3	69.3	412.0	42.5	9.3	49.0	981.5	100.7	9.3	59.0
Hunter SR	123.9	13.2	9.6	68.7	88.5	8.8	9.1	46.8	212.4	22.0	9.4	57.5
Newcastle SR Sector	104.8	10.9	9.4	67.5	74.8	7.7	9.3	45.7	179.6	18.6	9.4	56.3
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	147.6	12.6	7.9	69.9	110.3	13.6	11.0	51.1	257.8	26.2	9.2	60.2
Illawarra Statistical Region	102.1	10.5	9.3	70.2	68.9	10.7	13.4	49.1	171.0	21.2	11.0	59.6
Wollongong SR Sector	80.4	7.3	8.4	74.9	54.3	6.3	10.4	51.7	134.6	13.6	9.2	63.3
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	86.1	16.5	16.1	63.1	70.9	12.1	14.6	48.1	156.9	28.6	15.4	55.4
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	122.9	8.0	6.1	69.8	86.1	* 4.7	* 5.2	47.7	209.0	12.7	5.7	58.6
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	83.2	6.1	6.9	77.3	51.1	* 3.2	* 6.0	52.1	134.3	9.4	6.5	65.3

\* Estimate has a relative standard error greater than 25 per cent and is therefore subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS BY SEX, JULY 1996

	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,185.0	104.5	8.1	73.3	897.7	82.4	8.4	53.4	2,082.7	187.0	8.2	63.1
Melbourne Major SR	861.9	72.5	7.8	73.7	657.5	62.8	8.7	54.2	1,519.4	135.3	8.2	63.7
North Western Melbourne SR	68.9	8.2	10.7	74.3	56.8	5.8	9.2	56.9	125.6	14.0	10.0	65.3
Outer Western Melbourne SR	119.6	15.5	11.5	71.2	83.2	11.7	12.3	47.8	202.8	27.2	11.8	59.2
Inner Melbourne SR	56.0	7.0	11.0	69.5	52.7	4.0	7.1	61.0	108.6	11.0	9.2	65.2
North Eastern Melbourne SR	115.8	11.2	8.8	76.1	78.5	11.0	12.3	51.4	194.3	22.2	10.2	63.5
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	120.6	5.7	4.5	69.6	98.1	6.7	6.4	55.7	218.6	12.3	5.3	62.5
Southern Melbourne SR	94.7	* 3.0	* 3.0	70.8	77.1	* 3.3	* 4.1	51.6	171.8	6.3	3.5	60.6
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	137.4	7.0	4.9	80.9	108.3	5.9	5.2	60.2	245.7	13.0	5.0	70.2
South Eastern Melbourne SR	99.5	9.8	8.9	78.8	68.5	9.8	12.6	58.0	167.9	19.6	10.4	68.6
Mornington Peninsula SR	49.5	5.2	9.6	68.6	34.4	4.5	11.5	45.8	83.9	9.7	10.4	56.8
Balance of Victoria Major SR	323.1	32.0	9.0	72.1	240.2	19.7	7.6	51.3	563.3	51.7	8.4	61.5
Barwon-Western District SR	92.8	8.8	8.6	75.0	74.5	7.4	9.0	57.1	167.2	16.1	8.8	65.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	41.8	6.8	14.0	70.6	36.2	* 2.2	* 5.8	49.7	78.0	9.0	10.4	59.5
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	65.8	6.8	9.4	69.9	42.7	* 2.8	* 6.2	46.0	108.5	9.7	8.2	58.2
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	70.3	4.2	5.7	74.2	51.3	4.4	7.9	56.4	121.6	8.6	6.6	65.4
All Gippsland SR	52.4	5.4	9.4	68.6	35.5	* 2.8	* 7.3	43.4	87.9	8.2	8.6	55.7
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	889.1	83.2	8.6	74.9	656.1	65.4	9.1	54.6	1,545.2	148.6	8.8	64.7
Brisbane Major SR	408.9	37.4	8.4	75.9	316.1	34.0	9.7	57.3	725.0	71.4	9.0	66.4
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	101.5	6.5	6.0	72.6	81.0	8.1	9.1	58.3	182.5	14.6	7.4	65.3
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	124.1	7.7	5.9	74.5	103.3	6.5	6.0	58.0	227.4	14.3	5.9	66.0
South and East BSD Balance SR	76.0	9.4	11.0	81.0	50.7	8.7	14.7	56.3	126.7	18.1	12.5	68.7
North and West BSD Balance SR	107.3	13.7	11.3	77.3	81.1	10.6	11.6	56.0	188.4	24.3	11.4	66.4
Balance of Queensland Major SR	480.2	45.9	8.7	74.1	339.9	31.4	8.4	52.3	820.2	77.3	8.6	63.2
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	90.6	11.9	11.6	72.6	78.7	6.6	7.8	56.3	169.3	18.5	9.9	64.2
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	61.4	6.3	9.3	67.5	42.4	6.1	12.6	49.1	103.8	12.4	10.7	58.4
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	54.3	8.7	13.8	68.5	39.0	4.7	10.8	48.4	93.3	13.4	12.6	58.5
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	63.9	* 2.7	* 4.0	73.9	40.2	* 2.6	* 6.0	48.4	104.1	5.2	4.8	61.3
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	86.3	6.7	7.2	77.4	54.2	5.5	9.2	49.7	140.6	12.3	8.0	63.6
Northern-North West Statistical Region	60.6	4.9	7.5	77.7	40.0	2.7	6.2	51.2	100.6	7.6	7.0	64.5
Far North Statistical Region	63.1	4.7	6.9	82.6	45.4	* 3.1	* 6.5	62.9	108.5	7.8	6.7	73.1

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	370.7	38.2	9.3	70.7	292.6	25.9	8.1	53.2	663.3	64.1	8.8	61.8
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	267.9	29.3	9.9	69.9	218.7	19.9	8.3	53.0	486.6	49.2	9.2	61.2
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	89.0	10.4	10.5	75.9	71.4	6.7	8.6	55.8	160.4	17.1	9.7	65.6
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	42.3	7.6	15.3	61.2	36.1	3.1	8.0	46.1	78.3	10.7	12.1	53.5
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	53.4	3.8	6.7	66.6	43.3	2.5	5.5	50.7	96.6	6.3	6.2	58.4
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	83.3	7.4	8.2	71.4	67.9	7.5	10.0	55.8	151.2	15.0	9.0	63.4
Balance of South Australia Major SR	102.8	8.9	7.9	73.2	73.9	6.0	7.5	53.8	176.7	14.9	7.8	63.7
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	43.7	4.2	8.8	73.1	30.0	* 2.3	* 7.2	53.1	73.7	6.5	8.2	63.5
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	59.1	4.7	7.3	73.3	43.9	3.7	7.7	54.3	103.0	8.3	7.5	63.8
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	486.6	38.4	7.3	76.8	360.1	26.7	6.9	56.1	846.7	65.1	7.1	66.4
Perth Major Statistical Region	347.4	28.9	7.7	75.7	269.2	17.9	6.2	55.3	616.6	46.8	7.1	65.3
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	36.2	4.2	10.5	69.9	31.9	2.2	6.5	56.6	68.1	6.5	8.7	63.1
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	57.8	3.9	6.3	75.7	43.4	3.1	6.6	54.1	101.1	7.0	6.4	64.6
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	107.4	10.4	8.8	77.8	83.3	4.7	5.3	55.0	190.7	15.1	7.3	66.1
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	66.2	4.4	6.2	73.2	50.2	3.2	6.0	54.1	116.5	7.6	6.1	63.5
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	79.8	6.1	7.1	77.9	60.4	4.7	7.2	56.9	140.2	10.8	7.1	67.2
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	139.2	9.5	6.4	79.9	90.9	8.8	8.8	58.4	230.2	18.3	7.4	69.6
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	71.6	5.0	6.5	77.8	47.7	4.4	8.4	55.3	119.3	9.3	7.3	66.8
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	67.7	4.6	6.3	82.4	43.2	4.4	9.3	62.3	110.9	9.0	7.5	73.0
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	115.7	14.7	11.3	72.0	85.4	9.5	10.0	50.7	201.1	24.2	10.7	61.1
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	56.0	6.4	10.2	70.0	43.9	4.7	9.6	51.9	99.9	11.0	9.9	60.7
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	46.7	5.3	10.1	69.9	37.7	4.1	9.8	53.0	84.4	9.4	10.0	61.2
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.2	5.4	13.9	74.8	23.8	2.2	8.4	50.2	57.0	7.5	11.7	62.5
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	26.6	3.0	10.1	72.7	17.7	2.6	13.0	48.5	44.2	5.6	11.3	60.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	45.8	3.0	6.1	76.2	38.9	2.7	6.6	66.9	84.8	5.7	6.3	71.6
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	84.2	7.3	8.0	80.2	71.1	6.0	7.7	64.9	155.3	13.2	7.9	72.4
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,772.6	422.1	8.1	73.5	3,607.3	309.5	7.9	53.7	8,379.9	731.6	8.0	63.4

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